



Agriculture Across Ohio

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 31.8 million during December, up 1 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 769 million eggs, down 2 percent from last year. The rate of lay during December was 2,417 eggs per 100 layers. All layers

in the U.S. totaled 382 million during December up 1 percent from a year ago. There were 22.3 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in December, down 12 percent the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production, December 2017

Item		2016	2017	Percent Change
Ohio				
All layers	Thousand	31,649	31,832	1
Eggs per hundred layers	Number	2,473	2,417	-2
Eggs produced	Million	783	769	-2
U.S.				
All Layers	Thousand	376,570	382,016	1
Eggs per hundred layers	Number	2,412	2,375	-2
Eggs produced	Million	9,083	9,074	0
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Jan 1	Thousand	29,961	28,673	-4
Turkey Poults hatched, Dec	Thousand	25,422	22,258	-12

2018 Release Schedule for 2017 County Estimates

Commodity	Anticipated Release Date
Oats	December 14, 2017
Winter Wheat	December 14, 2017
Corn for Grain	February 22, 2018
Soybeans	February 22, 2018
Hay	April 19, 2018
Cattle & Calves	May 14, 2018

Ohio Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Ohio as of January 1, 2018 were 1.3 million head, unchanged from last year. Ohio highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers increased 3 percent to 296,000. Beef replacement heifers decreased 7 percent to 70,000 head.
- Milk cows were up 1 percent to 264,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement increased 1 percent to 121,000 head.
- The 2017 calf crop was 490,000 head, up 2 percent from 2016.

Cattle inventory, January 1, 2017-18

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All cattle and calves	1,300	1,300	93,705	94,399
Cows	550	560	40,559	41,123
Beef	288	296	31,213	31,723
Milk	262	264	9,346	9,400
Replacement heifers	255	250	20,132	20,245
Beef	75	70	6,368	6,131
Milk	120	121	4,754	4,781
Other	60	59	9,010	9,332
Steers 500 pounds and over	220	210	16,384	16,352
Bulls 500 pounds and over	30	30	2,244	2,252
Calves under 500 pounds	245	250	14,386	14,427
Cattle on feed	150	140	13,067	14,006

December Agricultural Prices

Prices Received by Ohio farmers for the full month of December 2017 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: December corn, at \$3.50 per bushel, was up \$0.13 from November but decreased \$0.07 from last year; December soybeans, at \$9.65 per bushel, was up \$0.21

from last month but decreased \$0.24 from last year; December wheat, at \$4.27 per bushel, was down \$0.24 from November but increased \$0.31 from last year; December milk, at \$18.20 per cwt., was down \$0.50 from last month, and decreased \$1.10 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, December 2017

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Dec 2016	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017	Dec 2017
Corn dollars/bu	3.57	3.37	3.50	3.32	3.15	3.23
Hay, alfalfa dollars/ton	175.00	180.00	180.00	127.00	148.00	148.00
Hay, other dollars/ton	110.00	110.00	110.00	117.00	118.00	118.00
Soybeans dollars/bu	9.89	9.44	9.65	9.64	9.22	9.30
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	3.96	4.51	4.27	3.40	4.07	3.91
Milk, all dollars/cwt	19.30	18.70	18.20	18.90	18.10	17.20

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2018, was 119,000 head, an increase of 2 percent from 2017. Breeding sheep inventory, at 95,000 head, was up 3,000 head from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 24,000 head, a decrease of 1,000 from last year. The 2017 Ohio lamb crop was 88,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Ohio, 80,000 head, was up 1,000 from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool production in 2017 was 490,000 pounds, up 20,000 from 2016. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.50 per pound, a decrease of \$0.03 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$245,000, 2 percent below the 2016 value.

As of January 1, 2018, there were 10,500 milk goats in Ohio, up 500 from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 44,000 head, 2,000 above the January 1, 2017, inventory.

Goat inventory, January 1, 2017-18

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	152	142
Milk	10.0	10.5	373	380
Meat and other	42.0	44.0	2,115	2,098

(NA) Not available.

Sheep inventory, January 1, 2017-18

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	117	119	5,250	5,230
Breeding sheep and lambs	92	95	3,875	3,830
Ewes	70	73	3,045	3,005
Rams	6	6	170	170
Replacement lambs	16	16	660	655
Total market sheep and lambs	25	24	1,375	1,400
Previous year's lamb crop	88	88	3,250	3,200

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 463 million pounds of milk during December, up 0.9 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 56.6 pounds, up 0.1 pound from December 2016. The dairy herd was estimated at 264,000 head for December, up 2,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in December by Ohio dairy producers was \$18.20 per cwt., \$1.10 less than the price in December 2016.

Ohio Dairy Summary, December 2017

Item		2015	2016	2017
Cows	1,000 Hd	266	262	264
Milk per cow	Lb/day	55.5	56.5	56.6
Production	Mil lbs	458	459	463
Milk price, all	Dol/cwt	17.80	19.30	18.20
Fat test	Pct	3.89	4.01	3.91
Protein ¹	Pct	3.16	3.22	3.22

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